

(19) World Intellectual Property  
Organization  
International Bureau



(43) International Publication Date  
22 September 2005 (22.09.2005)

PCT

(10) International Publication Number  
**WO 2005/088507 A1**

(51) International Patent Classification<sup>7</sup>: **G06F 17/60**,  
15/16

(21) International Application Number:  
PCT/US2005/007102

(22) International Filing Date: 4 March 2005 (04.03.2005)

(25) Filing Language: English

(26) Publication Language: English

(30) Priority Data:  
60/550,465 4 March 2004 (04.03.2004) US

(71) Applicant and

(72) Inventor: **YATES, James, M.** [US/US]; 2062 Winter-  
haven Court, Chesterfield, MO 63017-7429 (US).

(74) Agent: **POLSTER, J., Philip**; Polster Lieder Woodruff &  
Lucchesi, 12412 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 200, St. Louis,  
MO 63131 (US).

(81) Designated States (*unless otherwise indicated, for every  
kind of national protection available*): AE, AG, AL, AM,

AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BW, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN,  
CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, DZ, EC, EE, EG, ES, FI,  
GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE,  
KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD,  
MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, MZ, NA, NI, NO, NZ, OM, PG,  
PH, PL, PT, RO, RU, SC, SD, SE, SG, SK, SL, SM, SY, TJ,  
TM, TN, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VC, VN, YU, ZA,  
ZM, ZW.

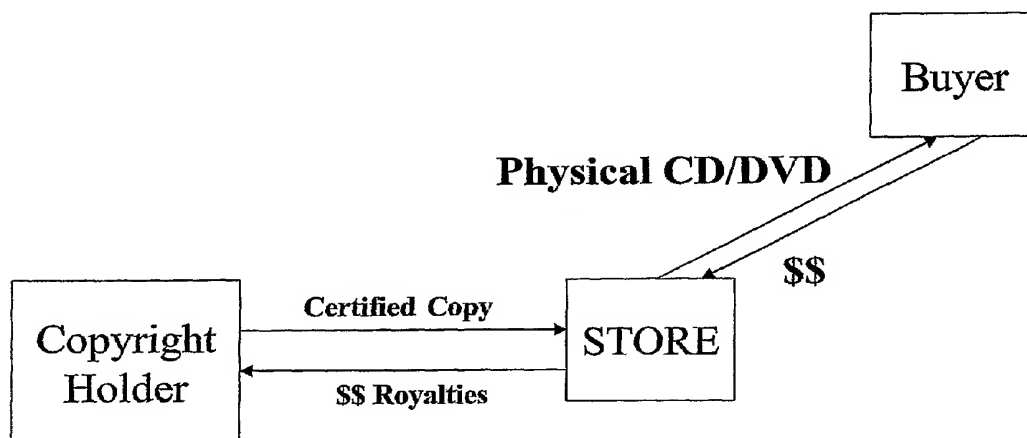
(84) Designated States (*unless otherwise indicated, for every  
kind of regional protection available*): ARIPO (BW, GH,  
GM, KE, LS, MW, MZ, NA, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZM,  
ZW), Eurasian (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM),  
European (AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI,  
FR, GB, GR, HU, IE, IS, IT, LT, LU, MC, NL, PL, PT, RO,  
SE, SI, SK, TR), OAPI (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN,  
GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG).

**Published:**

- with international search report
- before the expiration of the time limit for amending the  
claims and to be republished in the event of receipt of  
amendments

*For two-letter codes and other abbreviations, refer to the "Guid-  
ance Notes on Codes and Abbreviations" appearing at the begin-  
ning of each regular issue of the PCT Gazette.*

(54) Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DIGITAL COPYRIGHT EXCHANGE



(57) Abstract: An apparatus and method for enabling commercial exchange of copyrighted digital media and other digital files (104) where there is a fee due to the owner (102), such as but are not limited to, music, movies, books, software, games and photos. This structure will compensate the copyright owner (102) and the seller or referrer (106) completely within the existing laws. For a fee, a service provider (100) verifies for all parties to a transaction that the transaction is legal and the file or digital media is correct and without faults, as well as the proper routing of payment to all properly represented parties. It is simply a structure that will operate as all exchanges do, to facilitate the legal transfer of assets and money.

WO 2005/088507 A1